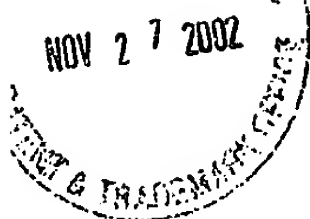


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Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed in reply to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2002. After careful review, Applicants have the following comments. Claims 1-109 are currently pending.

REMARKS

In reply to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the species depicted as structure N3, on page 102 of the pending patent specification.

No fee is thought to be required in connection with this communication. However, if Applicant is in error in this regard, please use Deposit Account 01-0885 for payment of any fee that may be due.

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